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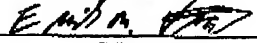
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing are the following documents:

(X) Response to a Restriction Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 121

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RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT - ELECTION

10 Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

15 This Election is responsive to Examiner Choi's Restriction Requirement, mailed to Applicant
October 28, 2005, under 35 U.S.C. 121. Applicant herewith elects Species B, claimed in pending
Claims 10 – 23. Applicant has herein withdrawn Claims 1 – 6. The instant correspondence is being
faxed to the Examiner today, January 30, 2006, which is the first business day after January 28, 2006.
Applicant is mailing the required extension fee of \$225 for a two month extension. Applicant
20 respectfully submits that this paper has been filed on the first business day following a weekend
(January 28th falls on a Saturday) deadline to avoid additional extension fees. Hence, Applicant
submits that no additional extension fee is required beyond the \$225, and the application is now ready
for advancement in examination. If Applicant's understanding is incorrect, Applicant respectfully
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